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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN. : ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH
(Based on PCT/JP01/03625)

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FOR: EVAPORATOR AND REFRIGERATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 7 as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

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- 5 ~~7.~~ (Amended) A refrigerator comprising:
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an evaporator according to claim 1;
a compressor which compresses a vaporized cooling medium;
a condenser which condenses and liquefies a compressed cooling medium in a vaporized state; and
an expansion valve which reduces a pressure of the cooling medium during a process of flowing a liquefied cooling medium to the evaporator.

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